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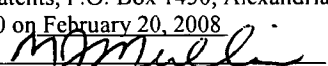
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2007, a reply to which is due March 26, 2008, please consider the following remarks in order to place the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal. As this response is being within two months of the mailing date, a reply by the Examiner in advance of the three-month shortened statutory period is respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.